

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. The specification has been amended to improve the headings and language.

Claims 1 and 4-12 are pending in the application. Claim 2 and allowable claim 3 have been canceled and their subject matter has been generally incorporated into claim 1. Claims 13-19 have been canceled.

Acknowledgement of the allowability of claims 3, 13, 15, 17 and 19 is noted with appreciation.

It is noted that in translating from the French the term "network" was used, which is equivalent to the term "array." However, in American terminology, the term "network" is usually reserved for the field of computers while the term "array" is usually applied in the field of electro-acoustics.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application, by this amendment.

Art Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-11, 14 and 18 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by KEELE, Jr. (U.S. Publication 2004/0240697). Claims 6, 7 and 17 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over KEELE, Jr. in view of ADAMSON (U.S. Patent 6,628,796). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Allowable claim 3 has been canceled and its subject matter has been incorporated into claim 1, thus making claim 1 free of these rejections. Claims depending upon claim 1 are patentable for at least this reason.

These rejections are believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 22, 2006 and for making an initialed PTO-1449 Form of record in the application.

Prior art cited but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

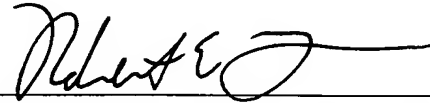
The rejections are believed to have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot and that no issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment

to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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